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SUBJECT: BASE NEGOTIATIONS: NOTIFICATION VICE AUTHORIZATION
IN CARRY-OVER AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE FROM GCOB MINEXTAFF DELIVERED
TO EMBASSY JANUARY 21. COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSE
DELETED:

2. BEGIN TEXT...AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE
EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF 10TH JULY AND 20TH JULY, 1973, BETWEEN
OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF WHICH
READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE IN ADDITION, UNITED STATES PUBLIC
VESSELS ON NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICE SHALL HAVE FREEDOM OF
ACCESS TO AND MOVEMENT IN, THE WATERS WHICH ARE SUBJECT
TO BAHAMIAN JURISDICTION. WHEN SUCH VESSELS ENTER BAHAMIAN
PORTS, APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION SHALL, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS,
BE MADE TO THE PROPER BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES, EXCEPT
AS OTHERWISE AGREED. END QUOTE.

3. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECALLS THAT THE
PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA PREVIOUS TO 10TH JULY, 1973, WAS TO
REQUEST PERMISSION FOR US NAVY VESSELS TO VISIT PORTS
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OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS AND THE MINISTRY

NOTES THAT THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE EMBASSY SINCE 20TH JULY 1973, HAS BEEN TO NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF SUCH VISITS. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ASSUMES THAT THE EMBASSY INTERPRETS THE PARAGRAPH CITED ABOVE AS REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BUT NOT AUTHORIZATION. THE MINISTRY WISHES TO RECALL THAT THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ABOVE REFERRED TO IS CONCERNED WITH AN INTERIM AGREEMENT PENDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT AND THAT THE INTENTION OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WAS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO AND THE EXISTING PRACTICE DURING THE PERIOD OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS WOULD NOT WISH IT TO BE ASSUMED THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURE RESPECTING VISITING UNITED STATES NON COMMERCIAL SHIPS IS ENVISAGED.

5. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS DRAWF ATTENTION TO THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF 10TH AUGUST, 1973 CONCERNING THE VISIT OF THE USCGC STEADFAST AND TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY OF RECORDING INTS INTERPRETATION OF THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPH OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES CITED ABOVE AS REFERRING ONLY TO DESIGNATED PORTS. END TEXT.

6. BACKGROUND, ANALYSIS AND EMBASSY'S PROPOSED RESPONSE TO NOTE FOLLOW BY SEPTELS.
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